



TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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BOARD OF FINANCE

ROBERT J. CLEMENTS
Chairman

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008

RICHARD J. CLEARY
MARK A. JOYSE
BARRY C. PINTO
MICHAEL D. VARNEY
JOSEPH E. WEHR

Members Present: Robert Clements-Chairman, Richard Cleary, Mark Joyse, Barry Pinto, Michael Varney.

Members Absent: Joseph Wehr

Others Present: N. DiCorelto-Finance Officer, P. Potamianos-Budget Advisory, and J. Gage-Conservation Commission

Call to Order

Chairman Robert Clements called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

Citizens Forum – None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2008 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2008 MEETING AS WRITTEN.

MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS JOINT MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2008 AS WRITTEN.

Financial Statements

The Finance Officer passed out a schedule showing the building projects that were closed out in 2007/08. After the final audits by the State, \$336,481 was paid to the Town with \$254,140 booked into 2007/08 surplus. The next projects to be closed out will be the Center School and High School projects. The only other project is the Crystal Lake School wells. Nick feels that he should be included in the meeting between the State Board of Education Facilities and architect in the beginning of the project. He feels a lot of questions could be settled at that time which would make the whole process smoother.

He then passed out a spreadsheet showing the Open Space Fund Balance of \$566,485.44. The purchase of land on Porter Road shows \$130,325 that was reimbursed out of open space to the Town for expenses incurred. Jim Gage stated that the contract states that the funds belong to open space and he would like to see the Board of Finance reinstate that much money back into the fund. The Finance Officer stated that he consulted with the Town Attorney and was told that it was legal to reimburse the Town for its expenses in the purchase of the property. Mr. Joyse stated that he agreed with Mr. Gage and felt that Town Attorney should give put his opinion in writing on this.

Mr. Joyse also asked the Finance Officer for an accounting of the difference between the balance in the account and the amount paid into it.

New Business

Budget Books – All budgets are in one book this year. The tipping fee was adjusted for an increase by CRRA; the actual increase is \$2/ton.

Shared Services Committee – Mr. Wehr has agreed to renew his appointment to the Shared Services Committee.

March 20 Meeting – The members were polled and everyone agreed that the March 20 date for the Board of Education meeting would be held as scheduled.

Joint Meeting/Conservation Commission – Bob Clements attended this joint meeting and found it every informative. They are looking for a way to evaluate property for purchase of development rights. He also said that the State DEP is looking at some properties in town to designate as bird sanctuary land which will become open space and not be developed. The Conservation Commission is developing a list of people to contact the farmers.

Pinney House Restoration - Tomorrow night Moser Pilon Nelson will be presenting the final report on the Pinney House Restoration project to the Permanent Building Committee. The Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen have been invited.

Adjournment

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:00 pm.

Submitted by


Lori Smith, Clerk